

ENGLISH ENTER PRIESKA

Kitchener Advances Without Opposition From Colonials.

The Report of the Relief of Mafeking Not Confirmed by the War Office—Anxiety Increases—President Kruger Reported as Preferring Death to the Loss of Independence—He Will Fight in the Trenches Rather Than Yield—Only Absolute Autonomy Possible—Rhodes Held Responsible for War.

LONDON, March 20.—A despatch, received this morning, states that General Kitchener has entered Prieska, Cape Colony, without encountering opposition. As previous reports had enlarged upon the disaffection of the Dutch colonials in this district the news causes considerable surprise. However, it is probable that the rebellion there has faded before the disasters inflicted upon the Boer cause in Natal and Orange Free State. "The fear, quite strongly entertained in some quarters, that the necessity of holding down these rebels with a strong hand would delay the subjugation of Orange Free State and the Transvaal is now swept away, and it is probable that only a small force will be required to garrison Prieska."

The report that Mafeking had been relieved has not obtained confirmation at the War Office and the anxiety for the garrison is daily increasing. Ten days have elapsed without news from Baden-Powell's gallant band, and the news at the beginning of the silence was such that it seems almost impossible for him to have held out this long. However, London people are hoping for the best and praying that Methuen's column or Plumer's has reached Mafeking, or it near there at this time.

Kruger's Reported Declaration.
In a Pretoria despatch received today President Kruger is reported as saying that he will die in the trenches defending Pretoria before he will yield to Great Britain.

"Better death for me than no liberty," he said. "This war was forced upon us by England, which has been misled by Cecil Rhodes and the mining millionaires who want the country. The Boers yielded as far as possible, until they saw that nothing but complete surrender of their independence would satisfy England."

"Having been forced into war, the Boers will conquer or die. I expect no aid from other nations, but we are glad of sympathy and friendship. The Transvaal is willing to make peace at any time, but we want no more conventions."

"Only absolute independence is possible. We do not want more territory, but are content with our present frontier, if we are permitted to live peacefully. This is all we ask."

"The Transvaal will stipulate in the peace terms that the Natal and Cape Colony Dutch, now fighting with the Boers, shall be regarded as belligerents and suffer no loss of property. I recently learned that some of these men had been captured by the British and were being tried at Cape Town, charged with treason."

"This Government cabled Lord Salisbury, stating that if such men were not treated as prisoners of war we would make reprisals on the British prisoners held here. Lord Salisbury replied, dodging the real point, and threatened if he injured a single British prisoner to hold me personally responsible. I suppose he meant the British would hang me."

"Such threats are contemptible and cannot prevent me from performing my duty to my country. The Transvaal Government replied today, informing Lord Salisbury that they deplore his threats."

"There is no truth in the story of a conspiracy among the South African Dutch. This is not their quarrel. The Orange Free State is bound by treaty to aid us. Mr. Schreiner repeatedly urged us to yield. It is too early to prophesy the outcome of the war or its duration. The Boers are in God's hands, and he will not let us perish. Our total fighting strength is 40,000, but with God's aid we can prevail."

"I have 200 blood relatives fighting, and would rather see them all perish than yield to England's unholiness aggression. It is liberty or death. I have protected British property in the Transvaal, and shall continue to do so."

DECORATED FOR BRAVERY.

Two British Soldiers Receive the Victoria Cross.

LADYSMITH, March 19.—During a church parade yesterday, General Buller presented the Victoria Cross to Capt. H. L. Reid, of the Royal Field Artillery, and Sergeant George E. Nurse, of the Sixty-sixth Battery.

The decorations were conferred by the Queen for the conspicuous bravery of these men in attempting to save the Rhodesian Field Force, and by the command by Major Gen. Sir Frederick Carrington.

New Forces for South Africa.

LONDON, March 20.—The Government is about to establish a new force for service in South Africa. It will be drawn from the colonial contingents, and will include 2,500 Australian bushmen. The column will be commanded by the Rhodesian Field Force, and will be commanded by Major Gen. Sir Frederick Carrington.

A Child Burned to a Crisp.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., March 20.—Word was received here last night that a twin two-year-old child of Hugh Rice, who lives in the county, was burned to death. The mother had placed the children in a large stone box which she went about her work. Upon smelling smoke she went to them and found one burned to a crisp, the other nearly dead from suffocation and the house on fire. The fire was extinguished. The other child will live. It is not known how the fire started.

Ends His Life With a Shotgun.

WARSAW, Va., March 20.—A Scotch Kennedy, who resided near Oldham, Westmoreland county, committed suicide at his home about 9 o'clock Sunday night by shooting himself with a shotgun. His children had just returned from church and asked their father to open the door. He responded, "Wait a minute," and then shot himself twice in the left side.

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BURGHERS REPORTED ACTIVE.

Boers Said to Have Blown Up the Modder River Bridge.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The "Evening Journal" publishes the following from South Africa:

BLOEMFONTEIN, March 20.—The Boers have blown up the railway bridge across the Modder River, thus causing a serious obstacle to the advance of Lord Roberts' mighty army.

This bridge is fourteen miles north of Bloemfontein. The Boers are strongly entrenched at that point. General Joubert is said to be in command.

LONDON, March 20.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Cape Town of today's date, states that among the railway bridges blown up by the Boers in the Orange Free State north of Bloemfontein were those at Winburg and Kromaat.

WANT NO WAR WITH FRANCE.

Prominent Englishmen Declare Emphatically for Peace.

PARIS, March 20.—The "Intransigent" states that there is diplomatic tension in Morocco and that the French Minister has gone to Tangier.

The "Gauche" publishes replies from prominent Englishmen to the question: "Does England 'dash' with France?" Cardinal Vaughan, Lord Chief Justice Russell, Sir Charles Dilke, and the Hon. Charles Russell declare emphatically that she does not.

DON CARLOS RENOVATES SPAIN.

The Pretender Declares Himself a Subject of Austria.

ROME, March 20.—Don Carlos, the Spanish pretender, has appeared in court at Lucia and renounced his Spanish citizenship.

He declared that he was an Austrian subject.

KILLED HIS PURSUER.

A Tragedy Follows a Sensational Lawsuit.

ST. MARY'S, W. Va., March 20.—Former Mayor and Prosecuting Attorney Joseph C. Noland, one of the most prominent lawyers at the Pleasant county bar, shot and instantly killed James Hile yesterday.

Noland, who was charged with alienating his wife's affections and then suing her for divorce, on Sunday Hile told several persons that either he or Noland had to die, and getting a gun, shot Noland in the back. The latter saw him coming and escaped into his own home. Hearing the threat, Noland armed himself.

Yesterday morning they met on the street and Noland again tried to escape, but Hile pursued him into his own house. Noland fired twice through the transom of his own room to frighten Hile away, and as he still tried to get in Noland fired through the glass in the door and Hile fell dead, slumped over the door. Noland is now in custody. Hile bought a new revolver yesterday morning and said that either he or Noland had to die that day.

CANNERIES NOT TO OPEN.

The High Price of Tins Destroys the Profits.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., March 20.—Many operators of fruit and tomato canneries throughout the Northern Neck and Rappahannock Valley have announced that they will not operate this season on account of the high price of cans. A. W. Krite, one of the largest packers in Essex, contemplates reducing his output, and John M. Lyell, of Richmond county, though all ready having bought his cans, is owing to the recent decline in the price of canned tomatoes seriously considering selling his supplies and resting this season.

Along the Potomac side of the Neck several large operators have notified their growers that their factories will be closed this season.

FUNERAL OF COLONEL CHILDS.

Services to Take Place at the Church of Our Father.

The funeral services over the remains of Col. Albert F. Childs, Chief Clerk of the Disbursing Office of the Census Bureau, will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow at 24 Grant Place yesterday at 4:40 o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. Van Schaick, pastor of the church of Our Father, Thirtieth and L streets northwest, will officiate.

The following men will act as pallbearers: C. T. Nutt, Amos Hart, Capt. Sidney Jacobs, Edward Hammond, George W. T. Patten, and John Dugan. The music will be represented by the Glee Club. The interment will take place in Rock Creek Cemetery.

WALTON BROUGHT TO COURT.

Charges of Swindling Merchants Preferred Against Him.

Edward J. Walton, who was brought back to this city last night from Chicago by Detective Lacy and who, it is alleged, swindled several merchants here, was arraigned before Judge Kimball this morning for preliminary examination on two charges of larceny.

Through his attorney, Edward Mitchell, the defendant waived examination and was held in \$1,000 bond for the action of the grand jury. It is alleged against Walton that he had swindled several merchants here, and that he had obtained from Fred A. Schmidt cases of draughting instruments valued at \$52 on the representation that the instruments were ordered for S. S. Shedd & Bro.

MRS. HENGESBACH IMPROVES.

A Brooklyn Man Believes Pallesens to Be His Brother.

The condition of Mrs. Charles F. Hengesbach, one of the victims of Olof Pallesens, continues to improve. The physician at Columbia Hospital are becoming sanguine of her ultimate recovery.

Major Strenuous today received a letter from Frederick Pallesens, of 629 Broadway Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., in which the writer says that he believes he is a brother of the accused murderer. He requested Major Strenuous to send him Olof Pallesens's picture, and a description of him for identification.

Mortgaged for a Million.

NORFOLK, Va., March 20.—A million-dollar mortgage was admitted to record in the Hastings Court in Portsmouth yesterday. The deed is from the Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Newport News Railway Company to the Fidelity and Deposit Company, of Maryland.

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GOEBEL'S SLAYER NAMED

Sergeant Golden Declares Dick Combs to Be the Man.

A Mulatto Leader in the French-Eversole Feud and a Desperado. While in Frankfort His Board Was Paid by a State House Porter. His Receipts Bills Found in the Pocket of the State Auditor's Clerk. When Arrested—The Alleged Assassin Now in Elliott County Surrounded by His Faction—An Army Required to Capture Him.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 20.—Sergeant Golden, of the State militia, who has confessed to the Goebel assassination, has named the assassin. The man alleged to be a mulatto named Combs. He was a leader in the French-Eversole feud for many years, perfectly fearless, and a dead shot. After the close of the Perry county war Combs was a barber at Winchester for some time. When local opinion prevailed in that city he conducted a "blind tiger." He was indicted and fined \$4,000. While working out the fine he escaped and is now a fugitive from justice. Combs was at Frankfort at the time of the killing of William Goebel.

Golden is a friend of the Powers brothers, John and Caleb, and was an officer in the latter's company of State Guards.

A story, corroborating in a way the confession of Golden, is told by a respectable negro woman, Mrs. Betty Pittman, who keeps a boarding-house here. Mrs. Pittman says that Combs and Hockersmith, a negro from eastern Kentucky, were boarding with her at the time Mr. Goebel was shot and their board money was brought to her regularly by one of the porters on State House Square. Combs, so she says, was known as "Tallow Dick," while Hockersmith's first name is unknown.

When Auditor's Clerk W. H. Cullon was searched at the Louisville jail the following were among the receipts found on his person:

"January 20—Received of John Perkins \$9 for board for Mr. Hockersmith, Mason, and Combs. Betty Pittman."

"January 31—Received \$10 from Mr. Hockersmith for board. Balance due, \$2. Edward Pittman."

John Perkins is a negro porter who cleans up the office of Adjutant General Collier. Combs is now in Elliott county, surrounded by his faction, and it will take an army to capture him.

Will Durham, confined in jail at Bowling Green, confessed today that he knew the assassin. Durham says he was in Frankfort the day Goebel was shot and a friend of his told him that he was going to assassinate Goebel and said it would be a snap with him, he would divide the money he would receive for the assassination. Durham says he refused to go, but told his friend that he would wait for him at a saloon. He says he waited and between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock his friend returned and said he had fired the fatal shot.

A CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

Played With Matches During His Mother's Absence.

BALTIMORE, March 20.—Patrick McGinley, the two-year-old son of James J. McGinley, 15 East Saratoga Street, died at the City Hospital about 5:30 o'clock last evening, having been terribly burned early in the morning.

Mr. McGinley and his family occupy rooms on the fourth floor of the house. Mrs. McGinley left young Patrick and another son, about four years old, alone in a room while she was gone about ten minutes, and when she returned found the youngest child's clothing ablaze and nearly all burned from his body. She quickly put out the fire and the child was taken to the hospital. His face and the upper part of the body were so badly burned that pieces of flesh peeled off. It was said that the child had been playing with matches, and the flames caught little Patrick's dress and spread rapidly. Marks along the wall indicated that the child tried to reach the door, hoping to hasten the return of his mother.

Coroner German made an investigation and decided the burning to have been the result of an accident.

DIED IN THE BELFRY.

Passed Away While Telling to St. Patrick's Memory.

CLAYTON, N. Y., March 20.—J. J. Lam, sexton of St. Mary's Catholic Church, aged eighty, died while telling the church bell in honor of St. Patrick. It was Mr. Lam's birthday. He left his house just before 12 o'clock and climbed the belfry stairs to ring the bell. Two strong strokes paralytic, followed by prolonged silence.

The old man was found lying on the belfry floor, dead, with the bell rope grasped in his hands.

Granted a Writ of Error.

PETERSBURG, Va., March 20.—Judge B. A. Hancock, of the Circuit Court of Nottingham county, has granted a writ of error in the case of Arthur Rogers, a negro who was convicted in the County Court of Nottingham some time ago of the murder of another negro named Emmett Bass, and sentenced to hang in April next. The case will come up before Judge Hancock in the Circuit Court of Nottingham on the 27th inst.

Killed by Accident.

PETERSBURG, Va., March 20.—Samuel Green, a widely known citizen of Dinwiddie county, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon. It seems that the unfortunate man was in a store at Church Road, in Dinwiddie county, on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, when some one accidentally knocked a gun down which caused it to be discharged. The load struck Green in the forehead and tore away nearly the whole of his head. Green was married and leaves a widow and five children.

Novel Marriage of Deaf Mutes.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., March 20.—Both deaf and dumb, unable to read or to write, Max Stempel, of Philadelphia, and Miss Lizzie Rubin were married here Sunday evening. As the minister who summed them could not use the sign language, he stood directly in front of the couple, and impressed upon them what he was saying by the motion of his lips.

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GOING TO CHINESE WATERS.

The Composite Gunboat Wheeler Leaves for Taku.

The following bulletin was issued by the Navy Department yesterday:

"The Secretary of the Navy has received a telegram from Admiral Watson, stating that the Wheeler had proceeded to Taku and will be relieved by the Concord about May 10, and then go as usual in the summer to Unalaska, on the Alaskan coast."

The Wheeler is a composite gunboat with six guns and of 1,600 tons, 1,081 horsepower, and twin screws. Commander William T. Bursell is in charge of the vessel. The Concord will be in charge of the guns and in charge of Commander Seth M. Ackley.

At the Navy Department it was said that so far as the other vessel would be sent to Chinese waters by Admiral Watson.

The State Department official, stated that no recent advice had been received from China and it was not believed that American citizens and American property in any immediate danger from an uprising of the "Boxers."

DYNAMITERS UNDER ARREST.

Eight Young Men Captured in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, March 20.—Through the arrest of eight young men, who confessed to putting a beer keg, empty bottles and a stick of dynamite on the steps of St. Paul's M. E. Church Sunday night of a week ago, the police have unraveled a mystery that shocked this city on the day after Thanksgiving.

Albert Kuba, a bartender, and the son of a saloon-keeper, confessed that he and one Charles Mettle had placed four pounds of dynamite on the steps of Attorney W. C. Crane's residence and ignited a fuse, which, had it not failed to burn down to the cap, would doubtless have killed Crane and his family. Mettle was arrested at Chicago, and Kuba was held under \$5,000 bonds.

The other young men may be fined in the Police Court for unlawful assemblage. They claimed that they were on the steps of Kuba's saloon, and they only intended to make a joke with the preacher.

The affair is alleged to be the result of a recent effort to defeat petitions for new saloons.

FIRE IN A LEAD FACTORY.

A Portion of the Plant Burned, With \$80,000 Loss.

PORT HICHMOND, N. Y., March 20.—A portion of the National Lead Company, at Port Richmond, S. I., was destroyed by fire this morning, entailing a loss of \$80,000. Crossed electric wires caused the flames.

The building that burned was frame, two stories high and enclosing a space of 400 by 200 feet. In the structure were 1,600 tons of white lead in process of corroding, and this was practically destroyed, together with considerable machinery. The fire was under control at 5:30 o'clock.

A LINED OIL MILL BURNED.

The Second Largest Plant in the United States.

PIQUA, Ohio, March 20.—The W. P. Orr Lined Oil Plant, belonging to the American Lined Oil Company, the second largest in the United States, was entirely destroyed by fire last night.

The loss is \$125,000, well covered by insurance. The Piqua Flouring Mill was on fire several times, but was saved. It was damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars by water. The fire originated from the dryers' mill.

TEMPORARY CUSTOM HOUSE.

Secretary Gage to Ask an Appropriation for the Building.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 20.—The Treasury Department has decided to use the old United States Court House, at Fayette and North Streets, and the temporary City Court Building, at Lexington and North Streets, for the Custom House staff during the building of the new Custom House.

Secretary Gage will send a communication to Congress this week asking for an appropriation to fit up the temporary buildings. About \$18,000 will be required to make the necessary changes and repairs.

The fire and the Custom House staff House that is available will be used in temporary buildings. Collector Stone and Supervising Architect Taylor, of the Treasury Department, will have a conference this week to decide upon the details of removal.

FIVE NEW CORPORATIONS.

Business Concerns Created in Baltimore for Various Purposes.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 20.—The Southern Cafe and Bar Publishing Company was incorporated yesterday for conducting the printing and publishing business by Edward E. Herald, Ed. M. Shillineau, Jacob Wolfshelmer, Edwin Cronin, George Shurckman, and John S. Mowbray. The capital stock is \$15,000, divided into 1,500 shares of \$10 each.

The Hertel Company, for conducting the wholesale and retail coal, wood, lime, plaster, cement and builders' supplies business, was incorporated by John Lange, Albert Lange, and Henry Hertel. The capital stock is \$15,000, divided into 1,500 shares of \$10 each.

The Macabeaus of Baltimore were incorporated by Sydney M. Camm, Edward J. Bernstein, Harry Cohen, Leopold S. Baumburger, Lewis J. Cohen, Herman Geisman, Milton T. Greenbaum, Nathan Haasman, Jacob M. Moses and Max Zurnoff. The object of the corporation is to develop educational, benevolent and philanthropic work among the poor of the city. It has no capital stock.

The Royal Navy Company, for dealing in a puzzle known as the Royal Solitaire, and other novelties, was incorporated by Thomas West, Jackson Brandt, George P. Steinbach, Charles B. Roper and Michael J. Conway. The capital stock is \$15,000, divided into 1,500 shares of \$10 each.

A Dog Recovers a Lost Parole.

GREENWICH, Conn., March 20.—A. N. Honeywell, of West Chester, has a valuable dog noted for his intelligence. Yesterday a neighbor of Mr. Honeywell dropped her pocketbook in the snow while getting into her carriage. She did not discover her loss until she had reached her destination, and the dog, having found the vehicle failed to find the purse. She gave it up as lost, but was agreeably surprised to have Mr. Honeywell return it to her later in the day. The dog had found it in the snow and carried it in his mouth to his master. The purse contained a large sum of money and the owner's card.

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WHEELER'S FUTURE DUTY

Likely to Command the Department of the Lakes.

A Report That the Veteran Will Be Made a Brigadier General in the Regular Army—To Have a Consultation With Secretary Root in Regard to the Proposed Appointment.

General Joe Wheeler, it was said today, will be made a brigadier general in the Regular Army and sent to command the Department of the Lakes, which has been temporarily under the command of General Wade, since General Anderson retired on January 20.

At the War Department it was said today that the assignment of General Wheeler to the Department of the Lakes was under consideration and would be settled after it had been considered by Secretary Root, who arrived in Washington today after a two weeks' trip in Cuba.

It is said that the President has had under consideration for some time the appointment of General Wheeler and General Fitzhugh Lee to be brigadier generals in the Regular Army. General Lee, it is said, will be given command of the Department of the Missouri, or the Department of Columbia, both of which are at present without commanders, the Department of the Missouri being merged with the Department of Colorado, and that General Lee, being under the command of General Staffer who also has the Department of California.

In Army circles it is said that there is a strong impression that General Wheeler will be permitted to resume his seat in Congress. The President is said to be desirous, however, that General Wheeler should not lose anything through his service with the army in the Philippines.

General Wheeler, it is said, has not yet decided whether he will attempt to take his seat in Congress, and will not make up his mind until he has had a conference with Secretary Root.

Major General Merritt, the commander of the Department of the East, retired in June, and he will be succeeded by Major General Brooke, who is now in Washington awaiting orders. It is more than probable that Brigadier General Otis will be promoted to the vacancy caused by General Merritt's retirement and will be in command of the Department of the East in July.

With the arrival of General Otis, it is believed that General Wheeler will be sent to either the Department of Missouri or Columbia, and that General Otis will be given the Department of the East.

SECRETARY ROOT'S RETURN.

The Party Pleased With Their Trip to Cuba.

Secretary Root and party returned to Washington today from a three weeks' trip to Cuba. They spent Monday at Charleston, S. C., where the Secretary and General Miles inspected the fortifications.

The party reached this city at noon today and did not appear at the War Department until later in the afternoon. They were all well pleased with their trip.

A WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE.

The Porto Rican Tariff Bill Under Earliest Consideration.

Senators Foraker, Spooner, and Keen were in conference with the President today. These gentlemen, all of whom are members of the special committee recently called to take action on the Porto Rican Tariff bill.

Mr. Keen left early, but Senators Foraker and Spooner were with the President for an hour, their interview, Mr. Keen said, terminating a few moments after the time for the hour fixed for the meeting of the Cabinet.

The President's callers were all averse to making any statement concerning the substance of their interviews with Mr. McKinley.

It is understood, however, that the President is seriously considering the policy of letting the bill take its course without further urging its passage according to the tariff laws heretofore insisted upon.

Among the bills which are expected to be introduced by Senator Foraker, who accompanied Mr. B. S. Grosvenor, of Tacoma, Wash., on a social visit to the President.

SURGEONS FOR MANILA.

Hospital Forces to Be Increased.

Another large force of Army surgeons sailed from San Francisco for Manila yesterday on the transport Meade. General Sternberg is doing everything possible to prepare for the coming war season when sickness is expected to increase among the troops in the Philippines.

All the hospitals at Manila are to be supplied with a large corps of medical officers and the various garrisons throughout Luzon and the other islands are to have one surgeon. Twenty-four surgeons sailed on the Meade yesterday with seventy hospital corps men and four contract nurses. About twenty surgeons will sail on the transport Sumner, which will leave New York in a few days.

The military passengers on the Meade yesterday were as follows: Major Davis, Captain Manley and Dean, of the Medical Department, twenty-one acting assistant surgeons; seventy hospital corps men; four contract nurses; Captain Pomroy, of the Subsistence Department; Lieutenant Burgess, of the Fifth Artillery; four signal corps men, and seventeen recruits for the infantry.

The Coeur d'Alene Enquiry.

The Committee on Military Affairs, which is engaged with the Coeur d'Alene enquiry, held no public session this morning, the members remaining behind closed doors from 10 until 12 o'clock. The investigation was resumed at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

For a Fort Hamilton Monument.

Mr. Brenner has introduced a bill making an appropriation of \$25,000 to aid in the erection of a monument on the site of Fort Hamilton, Butler county, Ohio.

A Dangerous Ride on His Sled.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., March 20.—Losing control of his sled, yesterday young Harry Fox, son of Peter Fox, of this town, was skimming down a hill on the crushed snow bank of Tremont Cemetery at lightning speed. At the bottom of the declivity was a board fence, and the sled, with the lad clinging to it, cut his way through. The boy was pinned down under the boards and rendered unconscious. He sustained serious internal injuries, besides being terribly cut and bruised, and there are doubts of his recovery.

Appointed Bank Examiner.

The Comptroller of the Currency yesterday appointed Frank L. Fish, Jr., of Vergennes, Vt., national bank examiner vice William A. Lord, resigned.

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PORTO RICAN GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Morgan on the Constitutional Rights of the Islanders.

Mr. Foraker's bill to provide a government for Porto Rico was reached in the Senate this afternoon, and Mr. Morgan said he wished to speak upon it.

He referred to the recent vote of the Senate that the Constitution did not of its own force extend to Territories, and remarked that question was presented in the pending bill, and that he would discuss it. He then spoke at length on the subject.

Among other things, he said that resistance to American power in Cuba would be as much rebellion as it is in the Philippines, and that the national power must continue to exist in all the islands until Congress shall otherwise provide.

The world, he said, has a right to be amused at our discussion of the question whether the Philippines are part of the United States, while it is seeing armies, supplies, and money to suppress the insurrection of part of the many tribes in those islands.

The question now presented is fourfold in character. Whether Congress should proceed to provide legislative government for Porto Rico, leave the island in its present government, abandon it and recognize its independence, or suffer the island to float among the nations like a derelict ship, subject to be picked up and captured.

As to Cuba, the treaty (which is the supreme law of the land) requires that we shall occupy the island. We cannot abandon Cuba without disgrace, without violating our pledged faith to Spain. Nor can we abandon Porto Rico or the Philippine islands without inviting anarchy and internecine war. The abandonment of those islands is impossible, but